

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments and consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-48 are pending. Claims 49-52 have been added and are drawn to a recombinant vector comprising a DNA fragment having SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:5, or SEQ ID NO:7. Support for the newly added claims is found throughout the specification and claims as originally filed. Entry of the new claims is respectfully requested.

In response to the request for election, Applicants elect, with traverse, the claims of Group III, drawn to a recombinant DNA construct. Applicants submit that newly added claims 49-52 are drawn to the invention of elected Group III and request that they be examined accordingly. Examiner is requested to withdraw the restriction requirement and to consider the claims of Group I-V, and VII together. It is respectfully submitted that a complete search of art related to the recombinant DNA of Group III would necessarily cover the art related to the DNA fragments of Group II, the host cell transformed with the recombinant DNA construct of Group VII, the self-replicating RNA of Group IV, the infectious alphavirus particles of Group V, and the expressed chimeric filovirus protein of Group I. As the prosecution of the inventions of Groups I, II, IV, V and VII together with the elected Group III would not place added demands on the Examiner, reconsideration is requested.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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